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ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORT WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin and St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

RONALD ROBINSON, 18, of the 3400 block of Hartford St. was sentenced to serve 18 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for robbery 1st degree and 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for attempted robbery 1st degree. The sentences were imposed by Judge John Garvey after a jury found Robinson guilty on August 25, 2004. The charges arise out of an incident occurring on August 29, 2003 in the 3900 block of California in the Dutchtown neighborhood.

RODNEY MARTIN, 51, of the 3100 block of Washington Ave, pled guilty to seven counts of robbery 1st degree, one count of robbery 2nd degree and seven counts of armed criminal action before Judge Timothy Wilson in division 23 of the Circuit Courts for the City of St. Louis. Martin

faces a sentence of 10 years to life incarceration when he is sentence on December 2, 2004.

ISAAC HOLMES, 20, of Roosevelt Ave in East St. Louis, Illinois, was sentenced to serve fourteen years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for one count of robbery 1st degree and one count of armed criminal action on October 28, 2004. The sentence was imposed by Judge Michael Calvin. The charges stem from an incident occurring at 727 N. First Street on January 3, 2003.

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MIJKIA CARL WHITTAKER, 27, of the 9900 block of Hobbits Glen Court, St. Louis, 63136, was sentenced to 188 months in prison, without parole on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

JOE HOWARD, 47, of the 5500 block of Chamberlain, St. Louis City, was sentenced to 188 months in prison, without parole, on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

RONALD STEVENSON, 35, of the 4600 block of North Market, St. Louis, was sentenced to 115 months in prison, without parole, on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

GEROME E. CUMMINS, JR.,31, of the 7300 block of Hardscrapple, St. Louis, 63123, was sentenced to 12 months in prison, without parole on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

ALFRED J. HOWARD, 25, of the 5300 block of Ridge Avenue, St. Louis, 63112, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, without parole, on one felony count of possession of an unregistered sawed-off shotgun.

DAMIEN TERRELL RAY, 20, of the 8600 block of Oxford, St. Louis, 63136, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Ray now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 21, 2005.

NICHOLAS MITRA, 25, Georgia Spur, Fenton, Missouri, pled guilty to one felony count of possession of a stolen firearm. Mitra now faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 21, 2005.

WENDELL DEWAYNE PRATT, 29, of the 1800 block of Coleman, St. Louis, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Pratt now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 20, 2005.

LEENORD CHESTER CANADA, 41, of the 6400 block of Wells, Wellston, 63133, pled guilty to

one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Canada now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 20, 2005.

JEFFREY LESLIE, 26, of the 4500 block of St. Louis, 63115, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. Leslie now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 21, 2005.

JAMES LUDWIG, 24, of the 6300 block of Virginia, St. Louis, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Ludwig now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 21, 2005.

DEMARIO HELM, 25, of the 3900 block of Ashland, St. Louis, pled guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Helm now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for January 13, 2005.